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## **INFORMATION PAPER**

SUBJECT: Ta'u Road, Ta'u, American Samoa

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.

2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. Reimbursable design of the road construction project was requested by letter dated 30 April 1996 under the general authority of the Memorandum of Agreement between the American Samoa Government (ASG) and the Honolulu District dated 3 August 1988. The work order agreement was signed in June 1996 and \$80,000 in funds to conduct preliminary site investigations and concept designs was received in July 1996. The concept designs and required environmental coordination were completed in September 1996. Additional funds of \$385,000 were received in November 1996 to complete the design. Construction funds for Phase I were received May 1997. Phase II construction funds were received in July 2000. The local sponsor is the American Samoa Department of Public Works. Funding provided by Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).

## b. General Description.

- (1) Phase I of the project consists of approximately 3.7 road miles of 12-foot wide, concrete paving along the northern coastline of Ta'u island.
- (2) Phase II consisted of a triple box culvert, concrete lined drains, and providing a water proof pavement for the remaining unpaved, 2.2 miles of Ta'u Road that consisted of concrete pavement and chip seal pavement.
- (3) Construction was completed November 2001 at a total cost of \$6,672,040 (all reimbursable)
- (4) Archaeological field work was accomplished for Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, requirements and completed in September 2002.
- 3. Congressional Interest. There is minimal Congressional interest in this project, at this time.